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**Public Workshop to Discuss Air Resources Board and
Air District Measures to Reduce Particulate Matter**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to provide input on the proposed list of ARB and air district measures to reduce particulate matter prepared to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 656 (SB 656, Sher, 2003). The staff will also discuss the proposed implementation schedule for the ARB measures. The Board is currently scheduled to consider the proposed ARB and air district measures list and the ARB measures implementation schedule in July 2004.

The workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: May 6, 2004

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 "I" Street, 2nd Floor
Coastal Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814

The workshop will also be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB's homepage at <http://www.arb.ca.gov>, and then select webcasts. To participate by teleconference, dial: **(888) 425-9158** and give the participant code: **41451**, and the leader name: **Sue Wyman**.

The meeting place is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact the meeting coordinator, Ms. Sue Wyman, at (916) 445-9477 or swyman@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

As a first step, SB 656 requires ARB, in consultation with air districts, to develop and adopt a list of the most readily available, feasible, and cost-effective control measures that could be employed by ARB and the air districts to reduce inhalable particulate matter (PM₁₀), and the subset of fine particles (PM_{2.5}). The goal is to make progress toward attainment of State and federal PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} standards. The proposed

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control measures are to be based on rules, regulations, and programs existing in California as of January 1, 2004 to reduce emissions from new, modified, or existing stationary, area, and mobile sources. As a second step, the bill requires the ARB and air districts to adopt implementation schedules for control measures no later than July 31, 2005. The implementation schedules are to be developed by prioritizing the adoption and implementation of proposed control measures based on the effect individual control measures will have on public health, air quality, and emission reductions, and on the cost-effectiveness of each control measure.

The list of proposed air district measures will provide a menu of control strategy options to address the many different types of PM problems that exist throughout California. For example, although most air districts do not meet the State PM10 standards, some are closer to attainment than others. The size (coarse versus fine), concentration and chemical composition of PM varies by region and by season. In some areas, fugitive dust events may lead to high PM concentrations. In other areas, the fine fraction may drive PM concentrations, and the major contributor may be the secondary formation of PM2.5 caused by the reaction of precursor gases. Therefore, each air district will select an appropriate set of measures based on the severity and nature of the air district's PM problem.

For further information, visit our web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/pm/pmmeasures/pmmeasures.htm>. The proposed list of ARB and air district measures and the proposed implementation schedule for planned ARB measures will be posted on the web site two weeks prior to the workshop. You may sign-up to receive e-mail notifications when information related to SB 656 implementation is posted on ARB's web site by subscribing to our listserve at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/pmmeasures/pmmeasures.htm>.

If you have any questions about the public workshop, proposed ARB and air district list, or the proposed ARB measure implementation schedule, please contact Ms. Karen Magliano at (916) 322-7137 or kmaglian@arb.ca.gov, or Dr. Patricia Velasco at (916) 323-7560 or pvelasco@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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